

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims were patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The changes to the claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 1-8 and 10-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Blatter (U.S. Patent No. 6,584,275). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blatter as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,298,355).

Applicants submit that for at least the following reason, the rejected claims (including independent claims 1, 10, 12, 16, 20 and 24) are patentable over Blatter and Tanaka.

“first copy-control information showing the copy control state of data in a header section of a data packet and second copy control information showing the copy control state of said data set in greater detail than said first copy control information in a data section of said data packet.”

(Claim 1; Claims 10, 12, 16, 20, and 24 contain similar limitations) Each of the claims recites two types of copy control information, wherein one type specifies the copy control state of data

in greater detail than the other type. Further, each of the claims recites that the less detailed copy control information is stored in the header of a data packet while the more detailed copy control information is stored in the data portion of the data packet. More specifically, Figure 5 shows these two types of copy control information. The first 4 columns show the detailed information while the fifth column shows the simplified (or less detailed) copy information.

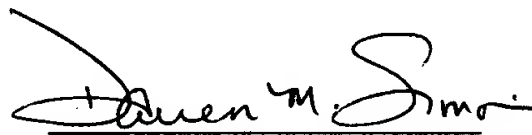
The Examiner contends Blatter discloses analogous first and second copy control information at column 3, lines 9-49 and column 4, lines 16-65. However, the cited locations both discuss the same 6 bits of copy control data in the control data header shown in Figure 2B. Hence, Blatter only discusses a single type of copy control information and not the two types required in the present invention. It follows that Blatter also does not disclose two types of copy control information wherein one type is more detailed than the other. Moreover, Blatter only discusses copy control information in the control data header and not in the “data section of a data packet” as required in the present claims. Like Blatter, Tanaka fails to meet the first and second copy control information limitations recited in the present claims. Accordingly, Blatter and Tanaka fail to anticipate or obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

No additional fees are deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment, but if such are, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
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